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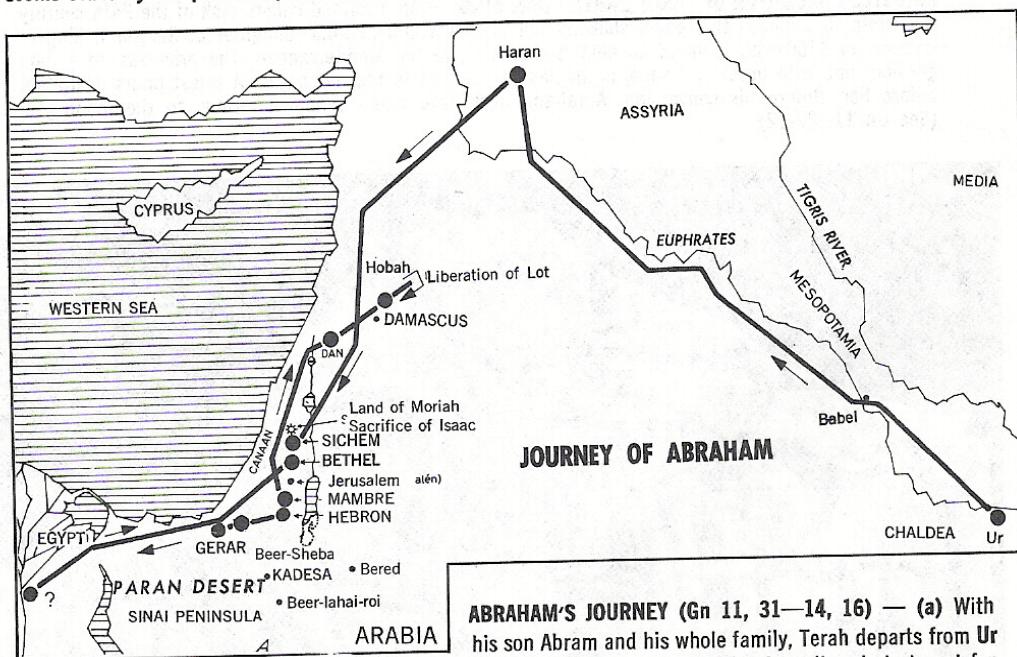
**WELD PRISM OF "WORLD HISTORY"** — A Sumerian prism found at Kish and dated about 2000 B.C. It gives an outline of world history and a list of ten kings who ruled before the Flood. The figures provided for the kings mentioned are beyond imagining: "Alalgar ruled 36,000 years. . . . Dumuzi, a shepherd, ruled 36,000 years. . . ." The Biblical parallel of the long-lived Patriarchs seems sober by comparison. (See Gn 5, 1-32)



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#### TWO ANCIENT ZIGGURATS OR TEMPLE TOWERS

— The step pyramid at Saqqara in Egypt (top) and the Ziggurat at Ur (bottom). The latter was 200 feet long, 150 feet wide and 70 feet high. A ziggurat was a lofty structure in the form of a pyramid, built in successive stages. The Tower of Babel was a ziggurat. (See Gn 11, 1-9)



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